

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION



MONTHLY REPORT By Executive Director Don Williams & Staff

November 2001

INTRODUCTION:

The monthly reports are a compilation of a number of factors that make up the activity of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) for the given month. At the end of the year our annual report will put the information gathered in the monthly reports in a yearly perspective.

MILESTONES:

November 1 marked the end of the Commission's first year of service. Since April the commissioners have reviewed 82 cases with a total of 192 allegations. Of the 192 allegations, 100 were found to be **UNFOUNDED**, 45 were found to be **EXONERATED**, 28 were found to be **NOT SUSTAINED** and 19 were **SUSTAINED**.

Unfounded means the allegation is believed not to have occurred. Exonerated means that the act occurred, but the officer's actions were within policy. Not Sustained means that there was not enough evidence to tell whether or not the alleged act occurred, and Sustained means that the act occurred and it violated policy.

Also in November the City Clerk notified Commissioners Egson, Gardner and Goldware that their first terms will expire in March 2002. All three have indicated that they will seek re-appointment.

OUTREACH:

Community outreach effort declined in November with the Executive Director and various Commissioners attending a total of three community meetings and events. Meetings and events attended were: Mayor's Night Out, Riverside County Community Action Commission, and Casa Blanca CAG.

Meetings that are attended by commissioners in a capacity other than as commissioners on the CPRC are not listed in this report.

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WORKLOAD:

Cases Received

	Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
November '01	1	1	8

^{*} A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

	Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
November '01	11	0	0

^{**} Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
November '01	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	23

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
November '01	6	6	9	8	0

Referrals

	Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
November '01	0	0

Policy Recommendations

There was 1 policy recommendation made by the Commission for the month of November '01. They recommended that RPD Policy & Procedure 9.1 be modified so that "harmless" errors, while not acceptable, are not treated in the discipline system unless they are persistent. Then the errors, as a group, will be used to show an officer's lack of competency.

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